

SWIFT GAINS MADE BY ALLIED CAVALRY

By LOWELL MELLETT.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Oct. 6.—Smashing of the Beaurvoir-Fensomme line resulted early in the drive in a gain of from three to four miles in a day, compared with gains of 300 to 400 yards, which were the best the allies could do in this region just a year ago.

This important operation must lead to the time when the allies may advance rapidly, using cavalry freely.

The result of the fighting shows the Germans' desperate defense of Gouv and La Catelet was a last effort to prevent turning of the Hindenburg line between them and Cambrai. Their efforts were all wasted.

Forecast of Withdrawal.

More German orders were found, signed by one commander or another, attempting to reinforce officers and men with the fighting spirit. Pickets taken on the canal say they were stationed there to prevent their own men—members of the Second Guards—from fleeing.

One of the orders decrees that the Beaurvoir line must be held until the Valenciennes-Givet line is completed. This forecasts an expectation of making a deep withdrawal here. But the Beaurvoir line failed to hold under the allied smash and the consequences may be most disastrous to the Germans.

Practically all the New York troops, which the Germans claimed as prisoners, are now fighting with the Australians. They had also held tight, fighting all the time, until in some cases they were able to slip back to the Hindenburg line and join the Australians. In other cases they waited until the latter came up.

Day Of Real Fighting.

Australian officers are unable to say enough in praise of the Americans, not only for their gallantry, but of their fighting ability.

"I saw more fighting that day than in any other day in my experience," said one Australian liaison officer, referring to Sunday's engagement.

A high Australian officer wrote to the general commanding the New

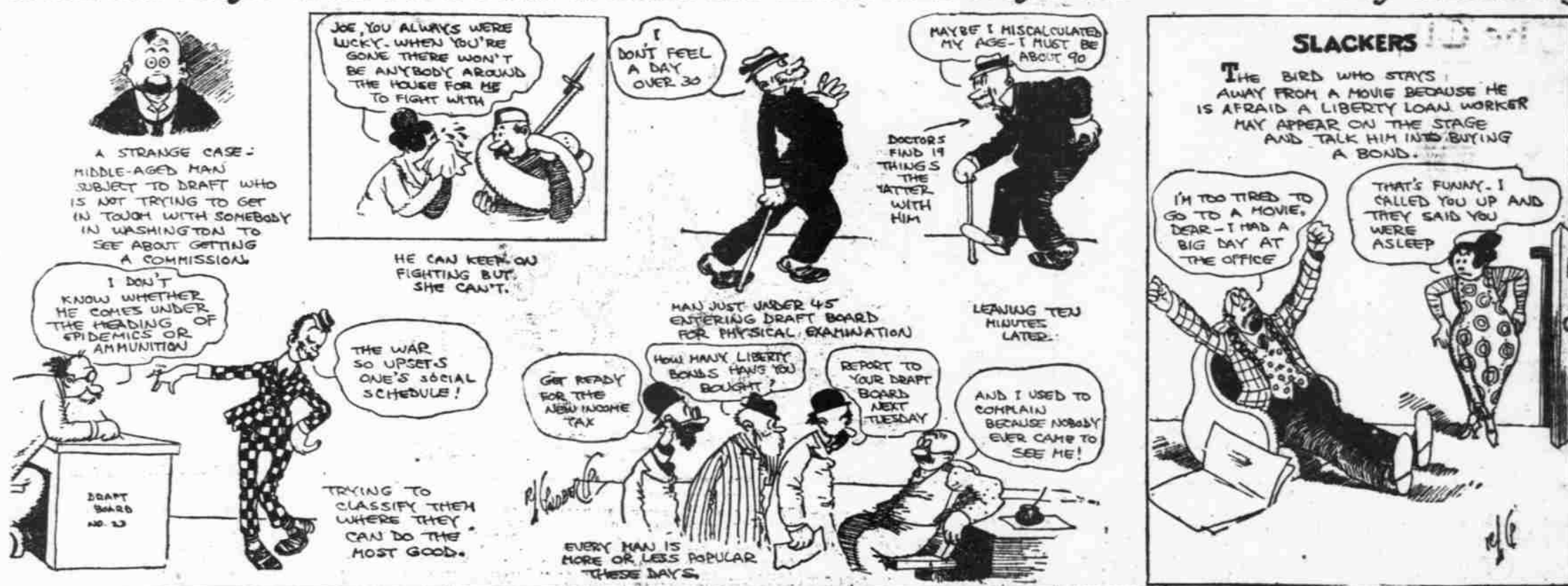
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With the Boys Who Are Just Within the Limit of Forty-Five

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Yorkers, saying that all the dead he saw lay with their face forward.

A dead American officer was found with five empty chambers in his revolver, and five dead Germans surrounded him.

The heroes include the Rev. Father Frank Kelly, of Albany, N. Y., who went over the top three times in three days, with his prayer book in his hand. He is a big young Irish priest, whose hair is now white as the result of these three days.

BIG GUNS AND "ACES HIGH"
BIG FACTORS IN FIGHT
YANKS ARE MAKING NOW

By FRED S. FERGUSON.

WITH THE FIRST AMERICAN ARMY, Oct. 6.—In the fighting along the whole line in the Champagne and Argonne regions the infantry is supported by a great concentration of American and French artillery.

Perfect weather has resulted in un-

usual aerial activity. American aviators hold the supremacy on the Verdun front, despite enemy re-enforcements. A dozen boche planes and several balloons have been brought down since Thursday night.

The importance the Germans attach to this region is demonstrated in the air as well as on the ground. The number of airplanes has greatly increased and enemy aviators are taking desperate chances in their endeavor to prevent the Americans overrunning the front at will. Our observers and photographers are able to do highly important work under guard of chase planes, despite the boche.

Lieutenants Bickenbacker, Coolidge, and Curtis brought down three fockers and one balloon in the usual night mele.

Three balloon strainers were sent out in expectation that boche planes would be in waiting. This proved to be the case, the Germans having sent up two additional dummy balloons.

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GERMANS CRUEL TO ITALIAN PRISONERS

While German prisoners in Italy are well fed and are even given wine, Italian prisoners taken by the Austro-Germans suffer hunger and every indignity that can be heaped upon them, dispatches to the Italian embassy state. A French officer who was awarded a medal for bravery and was captured by the Germans, escaped from his German prison, brings information of the barbarities committed by the Germans on the Italians.

"I have seen many of them half dead from blows from the butt end of rifles," this officer is quoted as saying. "I have seen numbers of them at Glessen and Mannheim searching among the sweepings for potato peelings to still their hunger," he added.

SHIFTING OF FOE TROOPS PREVENTED

American troops are preventing the Hun from shifting badly needed forces away from the Argonne-Meuse region to other portions of the swirling west front.

The Hun has thrown in very heavy concentrations, fearing for the safety of the main rail artery linking Germany with the west front. Now the pressure of American troops has become so great that the Teuton cannot do other than keep them where they are, even though the crush of allied forces farther north makes the boche leaders clamor for re-enforcements.

These facts developed from Chief of Staff March's weekly newspaper conference wherein he revealed that more than 1,800,000 men have been embarked overseas, of whom over 250,000 were sent this past month despite influenza handicaps. Men who have not been afflicted with or exposed to the disease are selected for overseas; this causes some shifting about of shipments inasmuch as 100,000 cases of the disease are recorded.

March's review of the week's operation showed graphically that the whole Hindenburg line has been jolted and the Teuton grip on it smashed. March noted the push in Flanders, which already has regained seventy-five miles of enemy-ridden Belgian, forced plans for evacuating the U-boat nests, Ostend and Zeebrugge, and played a heavy part in shoving back the boche from the Lens-Arras line. March located the British as five miles from Lille.

The Albanian and Serbian theaters show a steady onward press of allied forces. March considered significant the Allied naval victory against Durazzo, just as naval officials yesterday said it would have a marked effect upon the future dispatch of men and munitions to the Balkan region.

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Pigs, Cows, and Chickens Will Have to Eat Less, Director Hoover Decees

Next on the Hooverizing schedule are the cows and pigs and chickens. They've got to meet the feed grain shortage.

The Food Administration has announced that owing to the extension of the drought area, the shortening of the corn crop, and the large animal population, every effort in the proper conservation of feeding stuffs should be exerted during the next twelve months.

The livestock of the allied countries are shy of food, and this is to be met somewhat by the shipment of whole wheat in greater volume and less flour from the United States.

MUM ON PEACE OFFER

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The Telegraph declares it has authoritative information that the only reply Great Britain has made to Austrian peace proposals consists of Foreign Minister Balfour's speech of September 16.

MUNITION PLANTS WELL PROTECTED

A high degree of fire protection in munition works is reported by the fire prevention section of the War Industries Board, which has inspected 1,811 establishments.

Of the number of places surveyed the inspectors found conditions good at 1,395 factories, fair at 171, poor at 162 and bad at only 83. Inspections are under way, also, at 358 establishments, and 435 more are to be surveyed. Improvements have been made at 193 places and begun at 407 others.

The reports cover conditions of fire hazard in privately-owned property where material, machinery or supplies used for war purposes are manufactured, handled or stored.

In addition to these regular inspections by the fire prevention section of the War Industries Board, the section is making for the Attorney General a special inspection of fire risk condition at Port cities along the Atlantic coast, Pacific coast and Great Lakes.

AMERICAN HOLDS ALTITUDE RECORD

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—For the first time since Lincoln Beachey's altitude record of 11,042 feet was bettered, the world's record for altitude flight in an airplane is held by an American—officially promulgated by the Aero Club of America.

The club has officially accepted as authentic the record of 28,000 feet made at Wilbur Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, by Capt. R. W. Schroeder, in a Bristol fighter on September 15.

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The achievements of the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve during the past year are beyond praise. The A. E. F. thanks one and all for the support you are giving us.

This was the cabled word of appreciation received from General Pershing by W. N. Hall, national director of the Reserve, the 250,000 members of which during the past summer have raised enough production to feed 1,000,000 men in France for a year, it is estimated.

Plans for widening the scope of the reserve, which works under the direction of the Department of Labor, were announced by Hall. Next year the reserve will be organized into units, uniformed, and the activities extended into industry as well as agriculture.

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